Implementation of Supreme Court's direction by CIL

4184. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether CIL and its subsidiary companies had all along been denying the rightful claims of coal consumers on frivolous grounds inspite of the directions of High Court and Supreme Court;

(b) if so, whether BCCL expressed its inability to meet the obligation to supply the entitled quota of raw materials to M/s. DOMCO Smokeless Fuels Private Limited and issued 'No Objection' for transfer of linkage for BCCL to CIL; and

(c) if so, the reasons for non-implementing the directions issued by the Supreme Court in the case of the said company?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) had neither expressed its inability for supply of coal to M/s. DOMCO Smokeless Fuels Private Limited or had issued "No objection" for transfer of linkage from BCCL to Central Coalfields Limited (CCL). However, BCCL had issued 'No objection' for temporary accommodation of quantities by CCL on request of M/s. DOMCO Smokeless Fuel Private Limited. M/s. DOMCO Smokeless Fuel Private Limited had after approaching the Hon'ble Supreme Court, obtained an order for release of coal. However, as the BCCL has filed an application for modification of the Hon'ble Supreme Court order, the matter is presently *sub-judice*.

Deployment of Army at Border

4185. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) since when Indian Army was deployed on the borders to combat terrorism from Pakistan;

(b) the extra monthly expenditure being incurred as a result of it;

(c) the number of army personnel and civilian population killed since then;

(d) whether deployment of army on the border for such a long period is having demoralising effect on them; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The Indian Army has been deployed along the cease Fire Line/Line of Control (LoC) in J&K since 1948 to maintain the sanctity of the line of control. However since 1990, Indian Army troop deployment along the Line of Control has also been configured to undertake the additional task of countering Pak sponsored terrorism including infiltration.

After the terrorist attack on the Parliament House on 13th December, 2001, the Indian Army was mobilized along the International Border with Pakistan for Op PARAKRAM.

(b) The extra monthly expenditure can be known only after the redeployment is complete.

(c) The number of Army personnel killed/wounded in Jammu & Kashmir and western sector of the country during the period of mobilization of Op PARAKRAM *i.e.* from 19th December, 2001 to 16th October, 2002 was 1874 and the number of civilians killed in J&K during 15.12.2001 to 15.10.2002 was 837.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The morale of the Indian Army is very high. Also the Medical Directorate of Army HQrs. has taken several pre-emptive measures in order to maintain high morale and keep the soldiers stress-free.

Report on MIG-21 crash at Srinagar

4186. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 38 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th February, 2003 and state:

(a) whether the Court of Inquiry has submitted its report on the crash of MIG-21 aircraft on the outskirts of Srinagar on 26th December, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the findings *vis-a-vis* chances of sabotage;

(c) if not, when the report is expected; and

(d) by when MIG aircrafts are likely to be replaced?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Court of Inquiry is still in progress.

(c) The report is likely to be finalised by the end of April, 2003.

(d) Replacement of fighter aircraft is an ongoing process. Hence no specific time frame can be given.